

# Interstate Voter Registration Crosscheck Program

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# National Voter Registration Act of 1993

- **Section 2 Findings and Purposes**
- (b) Purposes
- (1) to establish procedures that will increase the number of eligible citizens who register to vote in elections for Federal office;
- (2) to make it possible for Federal, State, and local governments to implement this subchapter in a manner that enhances the participation of eligible citizens as voters in elections for Federal office;
- (3) to protect the integrity of the electoral process; and
- **(4) to ensure that accurate and current voter registration rolls are maintained.**



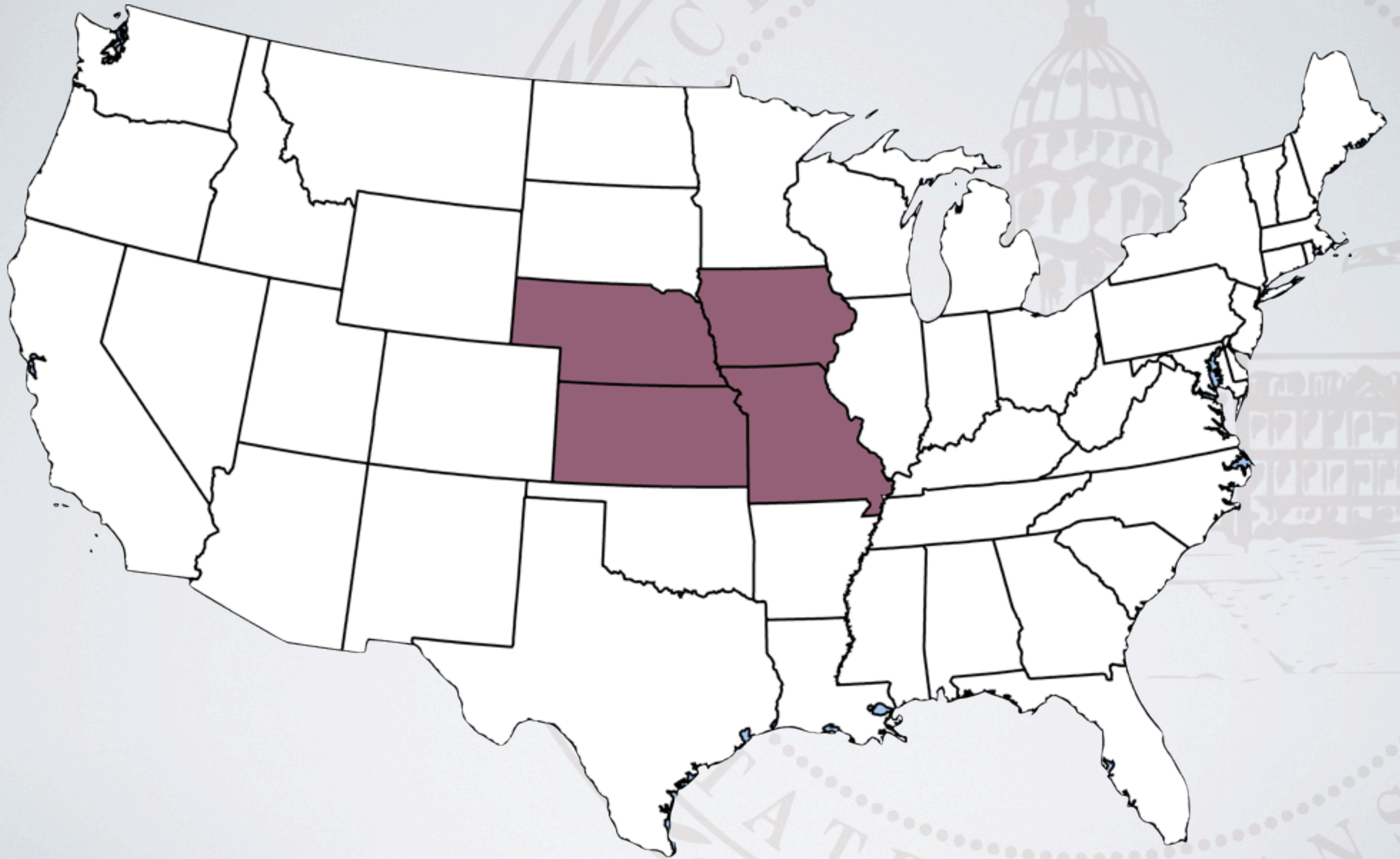


# From the Federal Election Commission's guide: Implementing the National Voter Registration Act of 1993:

The features (of the National Voter Registration Act) include a requirement that states “conduct a general program” the purpose of which is “to protect the integrity of the electoral process by ensuring the maintenance of an accurate and current voter registration roll for elections for Federal office”

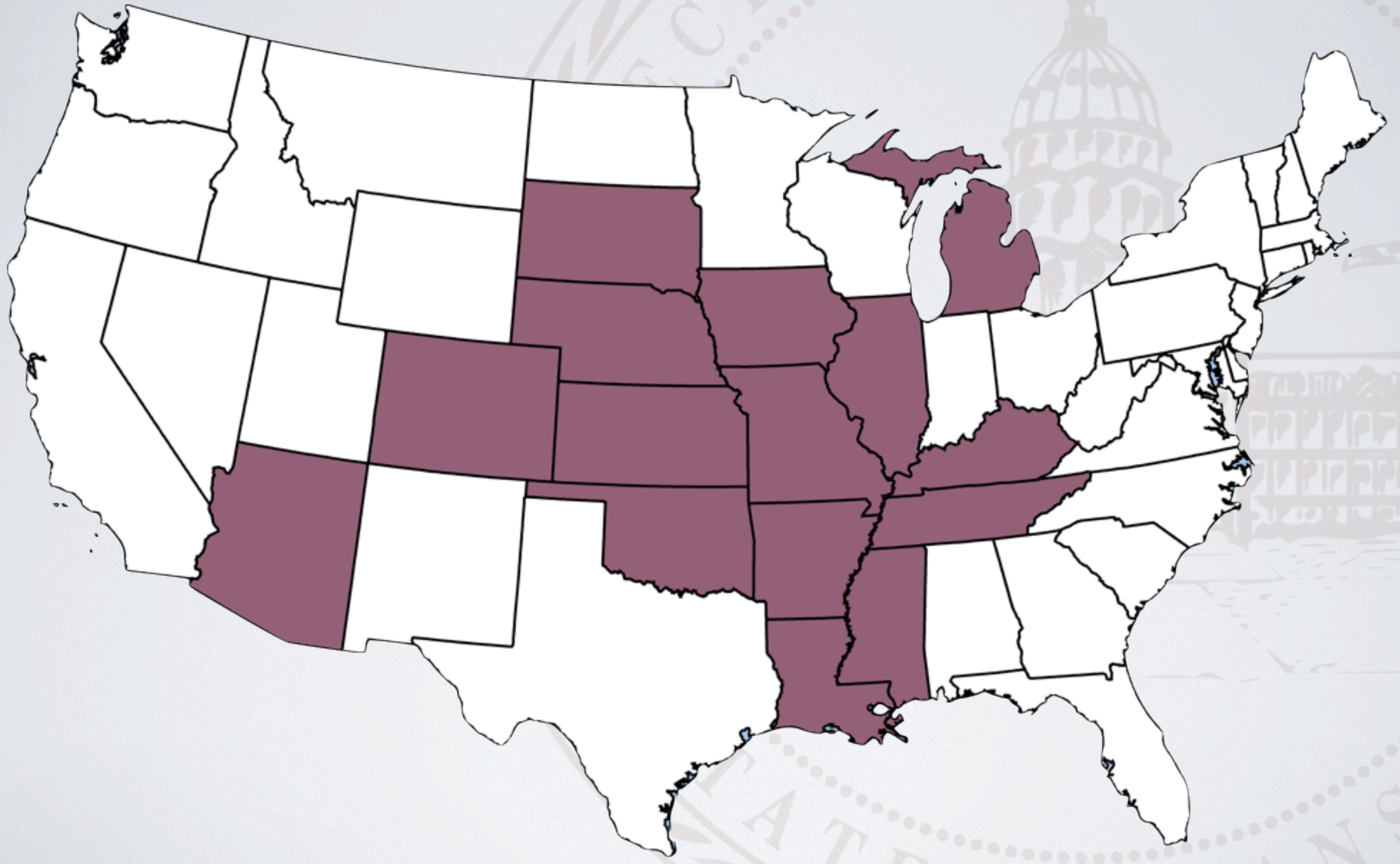


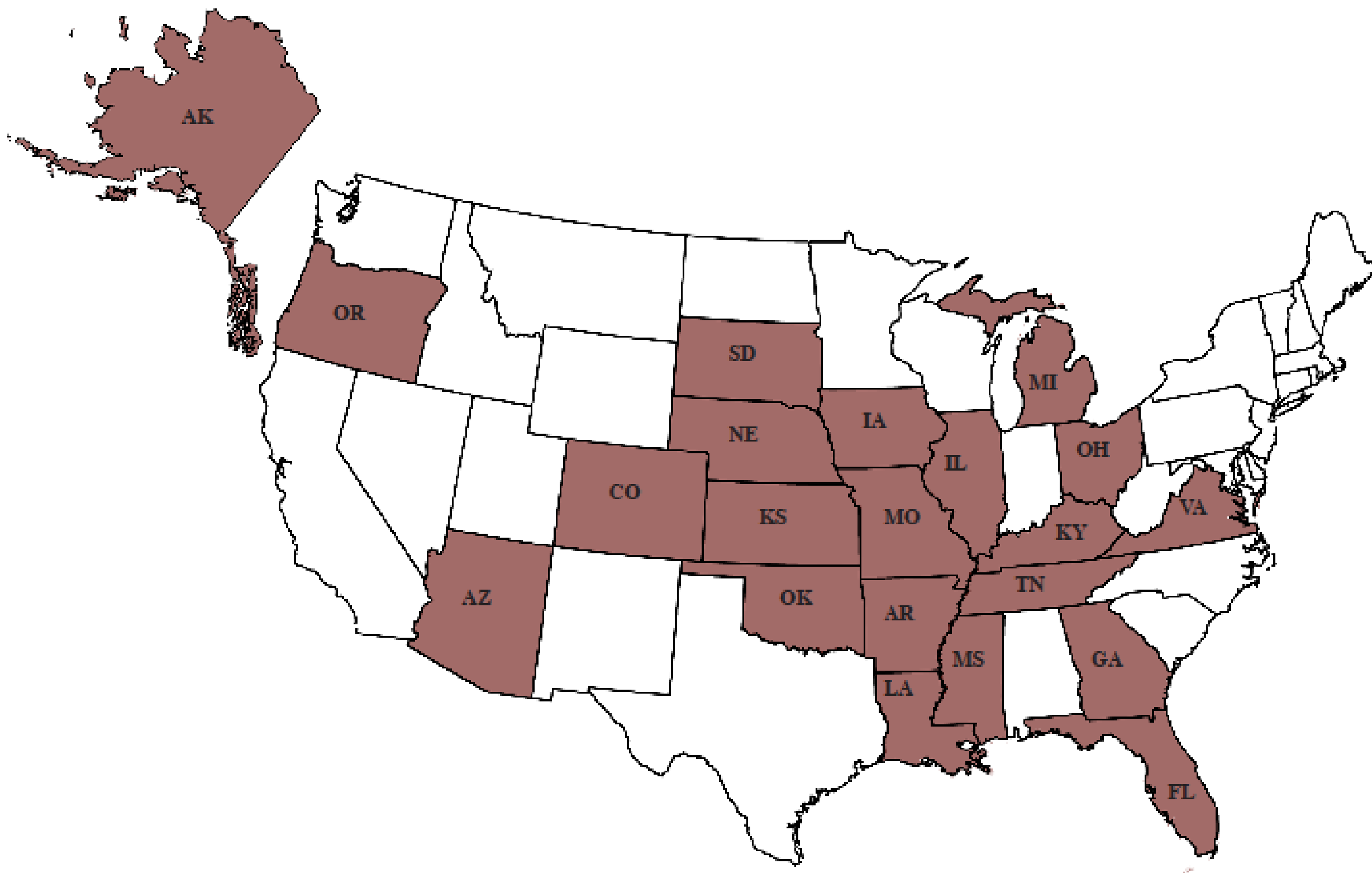
# Participants in 2005





# Participants in 2012





# 2013 Interstate Crosscheck

Participating states as of Jan. 10, 2013



## 2012 Crosscheck Program—Number of Records Compared

Arizona	3,545,891	Michigan	7,337,846
Arkansas	1,528,458	Mississippi	2,002,406
Colorado	3,375,891	Missouri	4,069,576
Illinois	8,248,736	Nebraska	1,129,943
Iowa	2,113,199	Oklahoma	2,000,767
Kansas	1,702,495	South Dakota	560,147
Kentucky	1,303,684	Tennessee	3,468,503
Louisiana	2,860,281		

**Total Records: 45,247,823**

# Interstate Crosscheck Data Format

Field	Format	Example
Status	A=Active; I=Inactive	A
Date_Generated	YYYY/MM/DD	2010/01/01
First_Name		Bob
Middle_Name		Alan
Last_Name		Jones
Suffix Name		Jr
Date_of_Birth	YYYY/MM/DD	1940/06/16
Voter_ID_Number		123456
Last_4_SSN		7890
Mailing Address	Line 1   Line 2   City   State   Zip	123 Anywhere St...
County		Allen
Date_of_Registration	YYYY/MM/DD	1970/01/01
Voted_in_2010	Y=did vote; N=did not vote	Y





# How does it work?

- Each state pulls data on January 15 each year using prescribed data format
- Upload data to secure FTP site (hosted by Arkansas)
- Kansas IT department pulls data, runs comparison, uploads results to FTP site
- Each state downloads results from FTP site, processes them according to state laws & regulations
- Kansas deletes all other states' data





First: John  
Middle: Q.  
Last: Public  
DOB: 01/01/1975  
SSN: 1234  
State: Kansas

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Potential match



2012	Grid of Potential Duplicate Voters Within States														
	by DOB   Last Name   First Name														
	AZ	AR	CO	IL	IA	KS	KY	LA	MI	MS	MO	NE	OK	SD	TN
AZ		2,829	24,863	16,014	7,153	3,687	688	2,062	27,617	2,220	7,569	3,306	4,006	2,449	3,614
AR	2,829		4,557	6,950	2,430	2,686	691	5,957	5,085	6,477	11,049	995	7,403	433	7,180
CO	24,863	4,557		19,902	10,850	10,035	1,054	5,065	17,086	3,309	12,498	8,927	8,306	3,937	6,153
IL	16,014	6,950	19,902		31,882	6,311	2,467	5,207	49,260	10,766	39,658	3,803	4,834	1,500	12,469
IA	7,153	2,430	10,850	31,882		4,706	526	1,558	7,019	1,797	11,563	10,954	2,031	4,865	2,806
KS	3,687	2,686	10,035	6,311	4,706		401	1,369	4,461	1,397	31,082	4,196	6,575	905	2,205
KY	688	691	1,054	2,467	526	401		873	2,267	1,085	1,195	233	576	117	1,905
LA	2,062	5,957	5,065	5,207	1,558	1,369	873		6,851	17,744	5,254	810	2,829	277	4,422
MI	27,617	5,085	17,086	49,260	7,019	4,461	2,267	6,851		7,527	12,960	2,416	4,067	1,265	16,956
MS	2,220	6,477	3,309	10,766	1,797	1,397	1,085	17,744	7,527		5,607	780	2,364	305	21,661
MO	7,569	11,049	12,498	39,658	11,563	31,082	1,195	5,254	12,960	5,607		4,244	7,539	1,300	7,804
NE	3,306	995	8,927	3,803	10,954	4,196	233	810	2,416	780	4,244		1,126	2,608	1,108
OK	4,006	7,403	8,306	4,834	2,031	6,575	576	2,829	4,067	2,364	7,539	1,126		402	2,858
SD	2,449	433	3,937	1,500	4,865	905	117	277	1,265	305	1,300	2,608	402		537
TN	3,614	7,180	6,153	12,469	2,806	2,205	1,905	4,422	16,956	21,661	7,804	1,108	2,858	537	
Totals	108,077	64,722	136,542	211,023	100,140	80,016	14,078	60,278	164,837	83,039	159,322	45,506	54,916	20,900	91,678

# Success in Kansas

## Double Votes from 2008 and 2010 Referred to Prosecution Discovered through Interstate Crosscheck Program

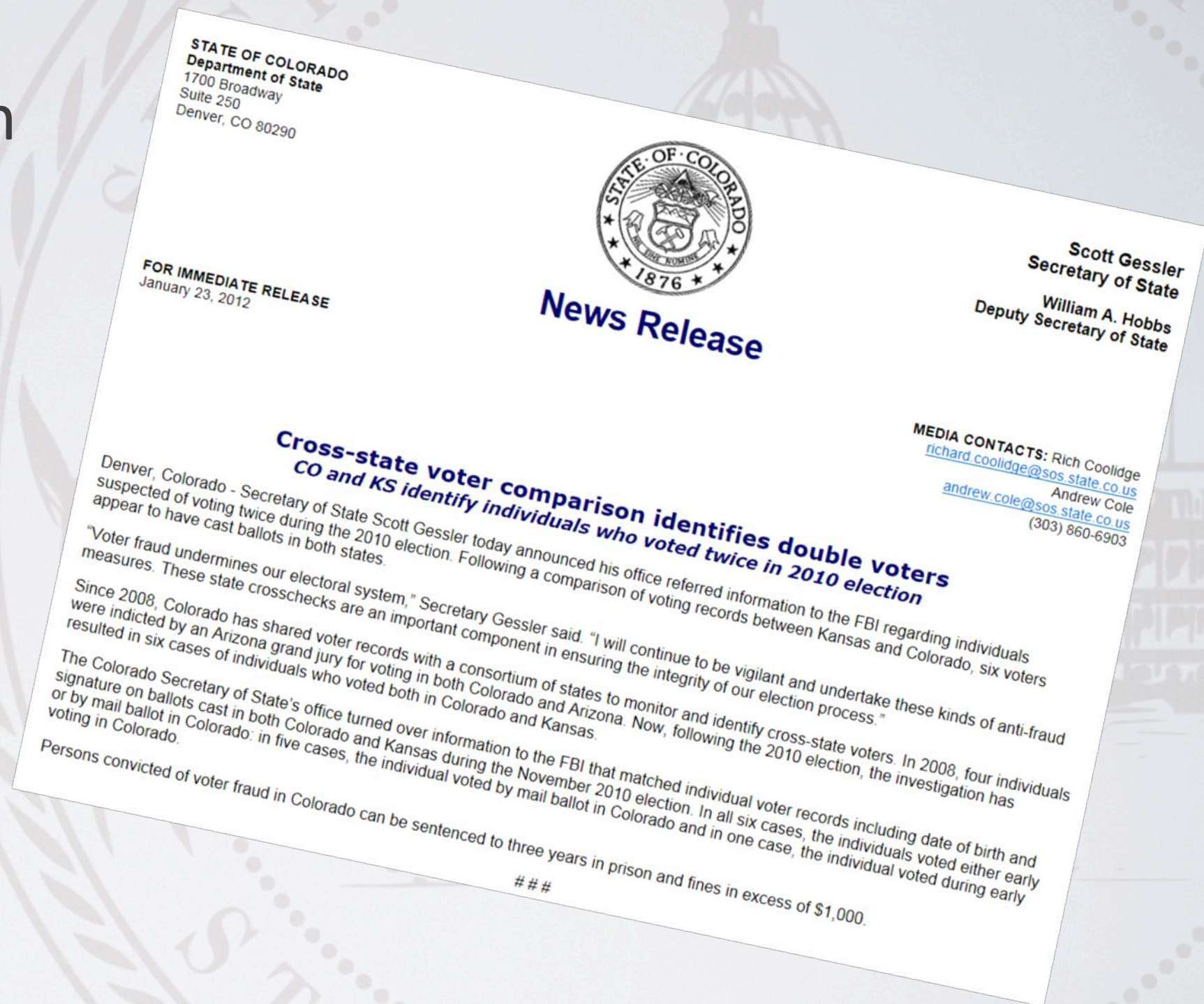
2008	2010
Kansas - Kentucky	Kansas – Arkansas (2)
Kansas - Colorado	Kansas – Colorado (5)
Kansas - Kansas	Kansas – Iowa
	Kansas – Louisiana
	Kansas – Nebraska
	Kansas - Oklahoma





# Success in other states - Colorado

- Four individuals indicted for voting in Colorado and Arizona in first year of participation
- Six additional cases of double voting referred to FBI in 2012





# What does it cost to participate?

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# How Can a State Join the Crosscheck?

1. Chief State Election Official signs the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
2. CSEO assigns two staff members:
  - one election administration person
  - one IT person
3. Staff members will:
  - participate in annual conference call and email
  - pull VR data in January
  - receive cross check results and process
  - instruct local elections officials (respond to requests for addresses, signatures on poll books, etc.)





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